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55/241. Assistance to Bolivia as a result of the flooding experienced in recent months

The General Assembly,

Distressed by the floods, torrents, cave-ins, landslides and inundation caused mainly by the torrential rains that have fallen in recent months, resulting in severe economic damage and loss of human lives in the territory of Bolivia,

Recognizing the large-scale relief and humanitarian assistance efforts being made by the Government and people of Bolivia to alleviate the suffering of the disaster victims and meet their immediate needs,

Noting the enormous efforts that have been made by the people and Government of Bolivia to build peace and democracy and achieve a favourable environment for promoting economic growth and furthering human development,

Aware of the grave consequences of natural disasters, which may present a serious obstacle to economic and social development in the developing countries, and which require considerable amounts of human and financial resources to overcome their negative effects, and considering it essential that the international community offer all its technical and financial support and assistance in order to supplement national efforts to undertake, as soon as possible, the process of rehabilitation, reconstruction and development in the areas afflicted by these natural disasters,

1. *Expresses its solidarity and support* to the Government and people of Bolivia in these difficult times;

2. *Welcomes* the valuable support of the international community in the work of rescuing and providing emergency relief to the stricken population;

3. *Urges* all Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations and organs of the United Nations system, together with international financial institutions and non-governmental organizations, to continue responding generously to Bolivia in its emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks and programmes, in order to maintain the present political stability and prevent the effects of this natural disaster from becoming an impediment to the economic and social development of Bolivia;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort to continue mobilizing and coordinating the humanitarian assistance being provided by the specialized agencies and other organizations and organs of the United Nations system in support of the efforts of the Government of Bolivia.

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